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Brazil: President Goulart plans to attend the papal coronation on 30 June and may seek a meeting with President Kennedy in Rome.

This has been reported as fact by the pro-Goulart Brazilian press, although the US Embassy in Rio de Janeiro has received no official approach on the matter.

Goulart's trip is apparently designed to demonstrate the stability of his government following last week's cabinet shake-up. Goulart may also hope to offset accusations that his regime is tainted with communism.

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Foreign Minister Evandro Lins, an extreme leftist, will head Brazil's official delegation. [REDACTED]

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Sino-Soviet Bloc - Yugoslavia: Moscow has apparently called for an expression of solidarity from the East European satellites concerning the Yugoslav question, in the expectation that an impasse will develop at the 5 July bilateral talks with the Chinese.

Apparently in response, the satellites have initiated a sudden flurry of diplomatic activity with respect to Yugoslavia. A Yugoslav Foreign Office official told the American Embassy on 25 June that the Foreign Office has been deluged with requests from the satellites for invitations to be extended their foreign ministers to visit Belgrade this summer.

He specifically identified the Czechs, Bulgarians, Poles, and Rumanians as initiating such requests, and added that there were others. The East Germans have renewed their request for an invitation for a high-level economic delegation to come immediately to Belgrade, but agreed to a date in September when the Yugoslavs said they could not extend an invitation at once.

The Yugoslavs interpret these moves as an expression of a Soviet intention to renew the struggle against the "dogmatists," i.e., China and its supporters, and are pleased at the indication that Moscow does not intend to compromise with the Chinese. There are rumors in Belgrade that Khrushchev has now set 1 September as the date for his expected visit to Yugoslavia.

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Rumania-USSR: Rumanian Party First Secretary Gheorghiu-Dej flew to Moscow on 25 June, apparently in response to an urgent summons from the Soviet leaders.

Dej and a party of ten made the trip in a Soviet IL-18 sent for them, despite the general aversion of the Rumanian leadership to travel by air.

In view of the forthcoming talks with the Chinese, Khrushchev apparently felt it necessary to discuss personally with the Rumanian leaders their problems with the bloc economic organization, CEMA, and their less than wholehearted support for Moscow's position in the Sino-Soviet dispute. It seems possible that Rumania has been using Moscow's need for support in the Sino-Soviet dispute as a lever to obtain some accommodation for its position on CEMA.

A high-level Soviet party delegation went to Rumania in early June to iron out Rumania's CEMA problems but failed to change Bucharest's position. The Rumanian CEMA representative may have gone to Moscow last week to confer with Soviet officials.

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Syria: The Baathist regime's attempt to remove Chief of Staff Hariri and to monopolize significant government posts has led it into a new, acute crisis.

Four non-Baathist cabinet ministers reportedly have resigned, probably in protest against the pressure on Hariri and the dismissal of a dozen high-level civil servants. Hariri so far has frustrated plans to dismiss him, and round-the-clock meetings between him and regime leaders have produced no solution.

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Reports of unrest among anti-Baathist army elements persist, and these elements may still make some countermove.

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Argentina: (Pro-Cuban Peronist exiles supplied with large sums of money are trying to persuade hard-line Peronists to undermine the Argentine elections scheduled for 7 July by casting blank ballots.)

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(Moderate Peronists say that the Peronist movement is in the throes of a showdown fight between proponents of a non-Communist line who want to participate in the elections and a Communist-oriented group which wants to boycott the elections and begin a program of clandestine revolutionary action. Neo-Peronists outside the movement prefer to participate in the elections.)

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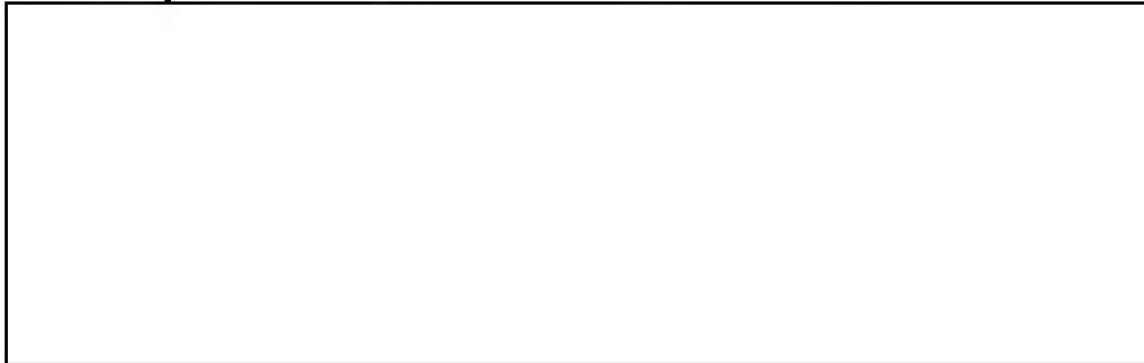
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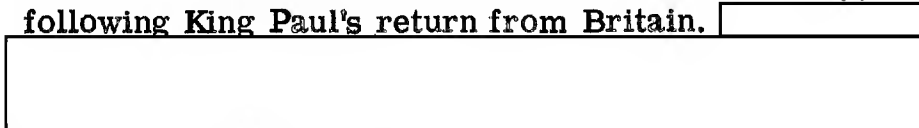
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Greece: Premier Pipinelis' "nonpartisan" caretaker government--created in the expectation that it would win the confidence of former opposition elements--has failed to do this despite a cabinet reshuffle and other gestures to meet the demands of the opposition. Both the moderate Center Union and the left-wing United Democratic Left abstained from the vote of confidence on 26 June and may in the future follow parallel tactics. The scheduling and arrangements for the elections will not be determined until after Parliament reconvenes on 17 July, following King Paul's return from Britain.

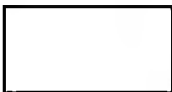
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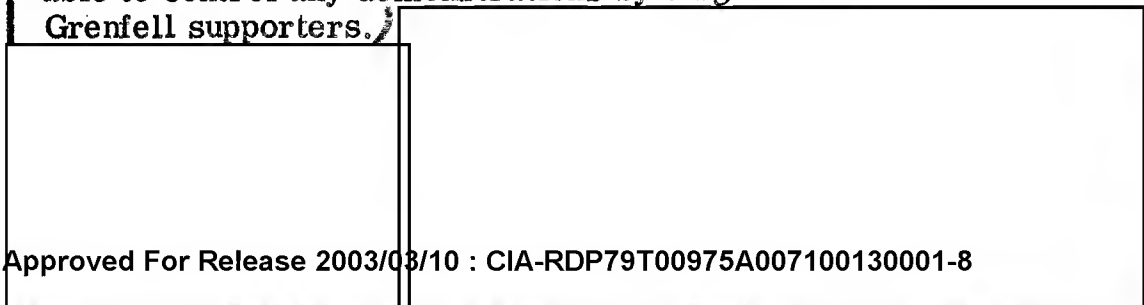
Congo: (The Haut Congo provincial assembly in Stanleyville has removed extremist Georges Grenfell from the provincial presidency and replaced him with a moderate. As a result of Grenfell's ouster, Leopoldville apparently will halt its efforts to have the provincial government declared illegal. Troops loyal to Leopoldville should be able to control any demonstrations by disgruntled Grenfell supporters.)

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